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The four brilliant young Australians on our cover are, from left, top: David Skeen of St.George and Jim Patikas of Sydney City; bottom: Rene Licata, Marconi and Peter Katholos, Olympic.

OUR LAST '82 ISSUE

This is the last issue of Soccer World for 1982. We take this opportunity of thanking, once again, our readers and advertisers for their continued support.

We plan to re-appear at the end of January, 1983, in time for the new season.

FROM THE PRESS BOX

This is the time of the year when clubs and players reap a harvest for their season's work.

Let us join in the celebrations and wish them well.

Sydney City, the superb PSL champions and Leichhardt, worthy winners of the Philips Cup come first to mind.

Then there is Peter Katholos, the PSL Player of the Year, Dave Lowe, winner of the Under-21 award, Frank Arok, Tony Boskovic and Anton Cermak, respectively judged to be the best coach, referee and soccer photographers in 1982.

John Kosmina won the annual Daily Mirror prize and, on October 6, we will know the winner of the rich Rothmans Gold medal winner.

Let us hope that all the winners will strive in 1983 to keep up their contribution to Australian soccer—and the others will struggle even harder to overtake them.

Finally—our best wishes go with the Australian team soon leaving for the Singapore international tournament.

Let us believe that this will be the first successful step by the team towards the 1986 World Cup finals, no matter where they will be held.

See you all in 1983,

—Andrew Dettre

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THIS WASN'T WHAT YOU COULD CALL A VINTAGE YEAR

It wasn't a vintage year for Australian soccer; 1982 is hardly likely to be remembered as a milestone.

The reason for this wasn't upheavals and schisms, rather the lack of stirring events and exciting projects.

Let's start with the national team whose handling is bordering on disgrace. The team went through more than 12 months of total inactivity, its last match having been on September 6, 1981, in Taipei against Taiwan. And this despite having a World Cup committee and a fulltime coach. If you held a quiz today most people wouldn't even remember now what the Taipei score was...

Much the same happened with our celebrated Youth team which did so well in 1981. During the whole of 1982 no such team existed, let alone played games.

Now we hear of great plans for the future—but we have heard all that before, too. We are never short of such plans—so long as they can be kept in an embryonic stage.

The ASF has no international policy and only a very modest knowledge of international affairs. This will not change until they appoint or engage a man familiar with the problems and the possibilities rather than leave things in the hands of an inept committee.

Few remarkable events took place on the administrative front too. After the explosions of 1981 when the PSL voted no-confidence in the ASF top brass, the two co-existed in an atmosphere of tepid truce. The PSL did get its long demanded vote on the ASF executive though heaven only knows what they will do with it; on any major issue the PSL representative will be swamped.

It would still appear to be an infinitely better idea to run the PSL independently of the States, bringing about a situation similar to the Football Association—Football League axis in England. However, as this would require considerable power shedding by the States, such a step is highly unlikely through peaceful means.

After some 10 years at his post, ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre resigned and moved north to calmer pastures. With him the ASF lost one of its few able and amiable administrators. Le Fevre's resignation was widely attributed to health reasons but it has been known for some years now that he and ASF president Sir Arthur George had a gradual disenchantment.

Le Fevre's successor, Brian Emery, was appointed without applications being called; in fact his emergence from obscure junior ranks to the top via the Coca-Cola financed youth development scheme administrator has been swift and probably pre-arranged under Arthur George's patronage. Still, Emery may yet turn out to be a success story in the job.

Arthur George himself stayed at the helm despite an occasional open demand or veiled hint suggesting his resignation and despite some setbacks as well as gossips surrounding his numerous business activities. He will quit when he is ready and not before. And, come to think of it—where are all those brilliant administrators who would be eligible to take over from him? The States certainly haven't produced any and even the senior clubs aren't awash with people capable of leading and representing the ASF with the aplomb of our ageing tycoon.

The PSL didn't have a good year, either. Crowds slumped once again; some clubs have lost more than half their support in the past three seasons. The boom periods are well and truly over for Canberra, Newcastle, Marconi, the Adelaide and Brisbane clubs and also for Heidelberg.

How some clubs manage to survive is a mystery; why some even bother is a puzzle. With the Philips sponsorship gone and with airfares constantly rising, the League can expect an even tougher year in 1983 with a smaller margin for the traditional and expensive blunders.



Tony Brennan, Canberra

More and more—especially in NSW—a State Super League looms like a viable alternative except for the reluctance of the PSL clubs to crawl back to NSW Federation jurisdiction. Not concepts and principles are involved here but two or three personalities, who act as the stumbling blocks. NSW's lack of promotional and administrative capabilities also serve as a hindrance; if they were really ambitious enough to sell the idea of a Super League, by now they would have produced a feasibility study and would be in the midst of a campaign to convince the clubs and the public of its advantages.

The ancient and seemingly incurable malaise of Australian soccer—lack of advanced planning—once again created some bizarre situations. In 1981, for example, we had the Philips Cup but (for reasons never explained) not the Top Four series. In 1982 we were supposed to have the Top Four—but not the Cup. Then, almost halfway through the season, the Cup was re-introduced and staged without the involvement of the State League teams, without any promotion and glamor and often handled as an unpleasant after-thought.

Unless firm plans are laid and accepted NOW for 1983, we can expect the same messy events and grotesque results.

The PSL season produced in Sydney City what can be regarded as the best ever team in the six years of the League, a marvellously compact, coherent unit, the Liverpool of Australia. They won the PSL title by a record-breaking nine points and, unless somehow mismanaged or wrecked, can expect to repeat the dose in 1983.

Behind the field failed to produce one team of consistent class. St. George, Wollongong, Heidelberg and occasionally Leichhardt, Olympic and Preston did well; South Melbourne, Marconi, Canberra, Newcastle and the four teams from Adelaide and Brisbane fared worse than was expected. As for Footscray, they survived again and this seems to be the limit of their ambitions.

The balance of power has shifted strongly to NSW: the PSL title, the Philips Cup and also the Top Four series all ended up in this State. Not only Adelaide and Brisbane but also Melbourne is finding it hard if not impossible to keep up with the NSW clubs where, for the time being anyway, the lucrative social clubs can afford to create the illusion of financial well being.

With an ounce of luck, NSW could have provided all four, not just three, of the PSL semifinalists—in a way flattering but certainly not a healthy trend in a national competition.

An unusual number of complaints were heard during the season about the standard of refereeing; some clubs even ran a campaign against certain whistlers. Brisbane referees continued to uphold their reputation as being the weakest in the PSL but even some top-ranking, FIFA-listed referees came in for their share of lambast from clubs and fans.

It was thus a refreshing exception to see Tony Boskovic being honored once again at the World Cup finals proving clearly that regardless of various point systems, trophies collected and awards handed out, he remains what he has been for more than a decade now—Australia's No.1 referee. And this for another year when, regrettably, he will have to retire.

Whatever problems Australian soccer had in 1982, it didn't suffer them in isolation. The game is undergoing many drastic changes and experiencing some very lean spells in many overseas countries and there is absolutely no guarantee that the boom times will return soon, if ever. Scores of famous and successful clubs all over the world are broke and many even face extinction; from River Plate to Munchen 1860 and Wolverhampton through dozens of German, Dutch, Italian, Spanish and South American clubs, the depression is widespread. The entire US league is about to collapse with club owners mournfully counting their losses running into many millions.

Extremely high, often dizzying transfer fees and salaries are the cause of the trouble. Although the world is in the midst of a recession, if not depression, some wealthy clubs are still splashing out millions on talented players, setting off an inflationary spiral. How Newcastle, for example, will afford the



Mark Koussas, Olympic

\$6,000 weekly wages for Kevin Keegan remains to be seen, even if a lot of it is subsidised by a brewery. But what will the club and the brewery do when the other players want similar wages, even if not quite the insane \$6,000?

Barcelona, Juventus, Manchester United, Eindhoven, Flamengo, Bayern Munchen and a few others may be able to afford, in their eternal quest for glory, to throw money around—but the others, desperately trying to keep pace with the spendthrifts, will go broke. And then the question is—who will be left to be beaten by the giants?

Finally, the World Cup which went off without tragedies through either terrorist attacks or heat exhaustion and was duly annexed by Italy, the team which absolutely mastered the art of winning as against Brazil which merely concentrated on entertaining.

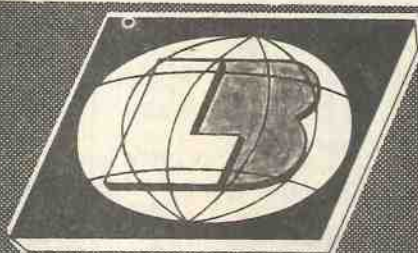
From an organisational viewpoint, this was the worst World Cup I have attended since 1966; it lacked either the friendly atmosphere or exuberance of previous ones. Even the football itself failed to produce any new trends unless the almost universal switch to zonal defences can be termed as such.

Still, with all its faults, Spain coped. This was the first time the finals had 24 teams and the Cup lasted a whole month. If Colombia retains the right to stage the 1986 finals, we may yet think back with nostalgia to the chaotic but basically friendly Spaniards of 1982...

—Andrew Dettre

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PSL '82 REVIEW

Sydney City: All class

There is no doubt about it: the 1982 PSL season belonged to Sydney City.

They ran away with the title, winning by a record nine points and were the only truly classy team in the field which could hold its own even in internationals.

Quite a few factors worked in their favor. Their 'mother' club, Hakoah, is wealthy, stable and ambitious, run by people with an astute business sense: born achievers, you may say.

All this is successfully translated into the club's soccer segment where a small band of people have a large degree of freedom to run soccer the way they prefer. This will probably continue as long as Sydney City keeps winning titles or at least stays near the top.

Another important factor—actually stemming from the first one—is the club's immense depth of playing talent, built up gradually, over the years.

Sydney City usually add one, maybe two new players to their squad each season and so they have managed to avoid the need for a vast, difficult and expensive rebuilding.



John Kosmina

A team which can afford to miss for almost the whole season players like Ken Boden and Ian Souness, to keep talented youngsters like Graham Fletcher, Grant Lee and Ean Rodrigues in cottonwool and to make do for weeks, if not months, without the services of Kevin Mullen, Agenor Muniz, Willie Murray and Murray Barnes, must be envied.

As a team, Sydney City were without any apparent weaknesses. Top PSL scorer John Kosmina received most of the kudos but it would be unfair to ignore the huge contribution of many others.

Two players must be singled out. One is Joe Watson, this tiny giant, possibly the brainiest player in the country, the architect of the team's attacking moves. The other is young Jimmy Patikas who in 1982 developed into a mature, dynamic and utterly confident midfielder, one of the best in Australia. Without these two plus Kosmina, Sydney City would be still a good team—but maybe not a great one.

In one respect the team failed again—they had far too many players sent off and suspended. Clearly, the club itself places little emphasis on matters of discipline, otherwise their dismal record over the years would show some improvement.

Sydney City have not one player in the veteran stages of his career; the older ones like Todd Clarke, Kevin Mullen, Murray Barnes, Joe Watson and Ken Boden are still at their peak. Thus there is no need for the club to raid the transfer

market—unless one or two key players decide to move on or Ian Souness is forced to retire because of his chronic back ailment. If they do raid the market, you can be certain that they will sign a quality player in the Boden-Kosmina-Mitchell class though probably one for the defence.

It is a great pity that a brilliant team like this just cannot attract more than a few hundred fans to their home games and, as a result, often becomes the butt of cruel jokes and pithy comments in pressboxes.

The club is a sort of anachronism. It is successful because it is so well run by a few clever Jewish businessmen on behalf of a large Jewish club; it fails to attract popular support because Sydney's Jewish population is far too small while the unattached public prefers to pledge its loyalty elsewhere. This is a problem which will be extremely difficult to overcome.



Jimmy Patikas



Steve O'Connor

PSL '82 REVIEW

St. George: Revamped

St. George came from the abysmal depths of a State League purgatory to finish second in the PSL—an unparalleled achievement for a team promoted (or re-admitted) into the League.



David Skeen

To be frank, they never looked like winning the title; at one stage it was even doubtful whether they would make the Top Four, before the genius of manager-coach Frank Arok pulled them through. For this Arok richly deserved the accolade of the Press as coach of the year.

When one compares the playing strength of the Saints with that of Sydney City it becomes clear that a major miracle or two would have been needed for the Saints to overhaul the eventual champions.

St. George did have a powerful, balanced and fit team, highly competitive, but without too many star-quality players which, at any level of soccer, is essential for outstanding achievements. They also had a number of average performers who rose to the occasion and slotted in well without setting the world on fire.

The two men who did stand out were veteran striker Des Marton and sweeper David Ratcliffe. Marton, now about 33, is perhaps the most accomplished and deadliest striker to come to Australia since the halcyon days of the great Austrians, Baumgartner & Co. and certainly many measurable degrees above



Des Marton



Mark Barton

the dozens of pedestrian British imports—including some former internationals. As for Ratcliffe, this formerly very good Brisbane City defender shot into national prominence in 1982 to become the best sweeper in the country—and a Socceroo squad member, too.

Three youngsters came into their own during the season: stopper Mike O'Shea, fullback David Skeen and winger Robbie Slater and all three should, under Arok's tutelage, show further vast improvement next year.

However, the Saints also had their problems. Goalie Mike Fraser has never been quite the same since his delicate eye operation, John O'Shea often submerged in a sea of mediocrity, captain Peter Stone seldom recaptured his scintillating form of the late 1970s and Paul Wilkinson was a disappointment as a striker though he could be an asset yet in midfield.

Rather unceremoniously Arok dumped players who failed to fit into his plans. Lajos Lorinc returned to Yugoslavia, Denis Duarte was relegated to the reserves and Billy Griffiths also spent months either out with an injury or sitting on the bench. Even the two recent veteran imports appear to have an uncertain future with the club. Lajos Korilar from Hungary seems too slow and uncommitted for the bruising PSL soccer while ex-Scotland international Ted Macdougall has so far failed to justify his hefty weekly wages.

PSL '82 REVIEW

Leichhardt: Reliable

Throughout 1982 Leichhardt were manfully struggling to regain the old APIA enthusiasm. Alas, this came only in brief flashes.

The team started brilliantly, zooming to an early lead in the PSL but one always had the feeling that they will run out of steam and will be overtaken. In the end, they missed out on the Top Four, albeit narrowly and had to be consoled with the Phillips Cup, the team's first tangible success for many years.

In the latter stages of the season, the club experienced a fairly sudden coaching crisis. Willie Wallace, this former Celtic and Scotland hero, had to find out at his own expense just how fleeting soccer fame is; he was harassed into an indignant resignation by a small band of violent supporters.

Former all-time Soccerroo great Peter Wilson took over—his first coaching

assignment—and through his imperial presence and no-nonsense methods, restored some order into the team. Wilson himself had to miss many weeks as a player with a painful back and then heel tendon ailment but at least had the supreme pleasure of leading his team to a Cup triumph in Melbourne.

While the club is stable and without internal problems of any magnitude, somehow they have yet to recapture the spirit of the old APIA days under Jim Bayutti when they were the most menacing team in the country.

They have also outgrown the narrow and primitive confines of Lambert Park and one wonders how long they will wait to find a more suitable venue which is acceptable to the increasingly comfort-conscious fans.

John Bradley and Mark Pullen were the team's most consistent performers without either of them coming even near the old 'gold standard' of the club when such giants as Pat Hughes, Fil Bottalico, Ricardo Campana or Johnny Giacometti were the darlings of the fans.

Jim McBreen and Marshall Soper also played their part and so did Terry Butler; Soper later came into serious conflict with the club management and was stood down with an injury pretext before saying his mea culpa and returning to the side. However, it seems likely that this all-limbs striker may leave the club.

Then there were the disappointments. Sebastian Giampaolo never even approached his Monaro or Canberra form; Tony Morsello, another gifted youngster, shone only in patches; Greg Woodhouse broke his foot (and was surprisingly well replaced by Bobby Parks); McAusland, Skellern, Hughes, Kafka and some others failed to add much oomph to the team.

Late in the season the club signed from Blacktown Peter Jones, a tough, aggressive striker who could be a very big asset next season. But more will be needed.

Leichhardt will need at least two or three truly high quality players to climb up on the PSL table. They will also have to bring back gifted players such as Giampaolo, Hughes, Morsello and Butler into top form to create a strong nucleus in the team.

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PSL '82 REVIEW

Olympic: Dashing

Olympic had their almost traditional mid-season upheaval which, no doubt, played a large part in the team finally missing out on all honors.

They started brilliantly, first in the International Tournament, then in the PSL. Many pundits already began tipping them for the title which would have been the first such triumph ever by either Olympic or their predecessors, Pan Hellenic.

However, when the lean spell came—which happens to all teams—the old 'Greek curse' surfaced once again in the shape of domestic bickering.

First coach Doug Collins fell victim of some Byzantine-style intrigues then president John Constantine resigned, having lost the support of his committee.

The shadow of Tommy Docherty reflected all the way from Melbourne didn't help settle matters; every time the team had a weaker game, Collins felt more insecure, clearly threatened in his job. As it turns out, Docherty will take over Olympic next season, once again—possibly until something better turns up.

When the team was in full flight, they were undoubtedly the most exciting sight in the PSL: a youthful, zestful side totally committed to attack, coming forward in waves like doped Sioux Indians, taking all barricades by storm.

It was when this Blitzkrieg-style of soccer proved inadequate or too familiar to opponents that the team began to falter. Olympic were simply not a tactical team; they either won or lost but kept their dashing style.

Looking at the individuals in the team it's no exaggeration that they had sufficient talent to reach the Top Four and do rather well there, too.

Peter Katholos, the Australian Press' Player of the Year, as well as Peter Raskopoulos, Jim Ziras, Jim Redfern and Graham Jennings were all outstanding and consistent. So was, before his cartilage operation, Andy Scott, that powerful and polished fullback, possibly one of the very best in Australia.

Then they had in young Mark Koussas a born goal-getter, a Greek version of a Gerd Mueller or even Paolo Rossi, picking up the scent in the penalty boxes like a bloodhound. The ever reliable Ken Wilson as well as newcomer Gary Phillips all caught the eye.

Apart from Scott, fullback Danny Moulis was also a season casualty with a bad injury while the tussle between goalies Peter Wilson and Gary Meier



Peter Katholos, PLS Player of the Year

continued throughout the year without being clearly won by either.

One never quite knows what major changes will take place in the off-season and this applies to Olympic in rich measure; Greek-backed clubs have volatile managements and highly emotional supporters who, with their love-hate relationships, often wreck even the best laid plans. It's not impossible

that some players, even Katholos, may leave for greener or at least calmer pastures though Docherty would probably do all he could to retain the squad intact.

All true soccer fans hope for that to happen. A smart, high-flying Sydney Olympic, like the one we saw in the first half of 1982, is not just a winner but the type of attraction crowds flock to see.

PSL '82 REVIEW

Marconi: Disarray

Marconi, not having learned from their mistakes of 1981, were forced to repeat them this year. Hence another disappointing season and a discontented squad which could fall apart in the next few weeks and months.

Something, somewhere, must be basically wrong out Marconi way. The club has practically everything: their own stadium and excellent extra training facilities, all next door to a huge and prosperous social clubhouse in the thick of Sydney's tomato belt with a captive supporters core living in the district.

And yet, ever since 1979, their team has been slipping and sliding downhill, despite (or because of) frequent coaching changes.

This year Marconi lost two of their brightest young stars, Peter Sharne and



Mark Jankovics



Roberto Vieri

Eddie Krncevic, both preferring to play overseas. Such top players seldom leave a happy club. On top of that, they also lost Gary Byrne and Peter Brogan while Bertie Mariani was out for months with a serious injury.

Coach Dom Kapetanovic was forced to experiment with youngsters and appears to have hit the jackpot with at least one of them, Rene Licata who is one of the greatest natural wing talents in Australia.

Others like Calderan, Hunter and McCulloch could follow next season to stardom.

Kapetanovic came in for some heavy criticism in club circles and even some of his own players were foolish enough to plot behind his back. There is little doubt that Kapetanovic is an excellent coach with a great background but it's equally true that his language problem is an enormous handicap. It will be seen in the

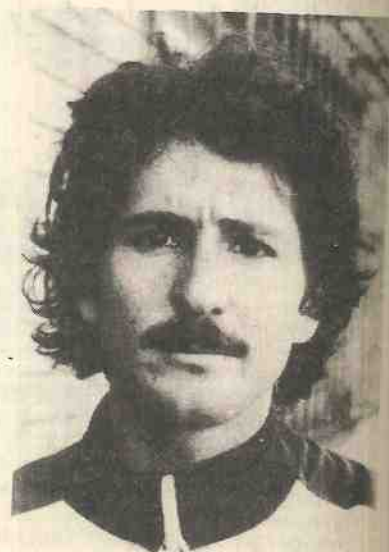
next few weeks whether he is re-appointed or the club looks elsewhere for a replacement.

None of the players—with the exception of Licata—performed to expectations. The veteran Italian maestro Roberto Vieri still has his impeccable touches but has lost a lot of his mobility while that great all-rounder, Jovan Djordjevic, spent almost the entire season injured or recuperating from surgery.

If the team was let down at all, some of the experienced stars must accept most of the blame for it. Allan Maher, Tony Henderson, Vic Bozanic and even Mark Jankovics, the busiest of them all, were a long way from their best form. In Henderson's case it was a mental block: he could never get over his disappointment about Marconi's handling of his request to try his luck in the USA.

No matter who takes over the coaching post, the club management itself must do some soul-searching for the true causes of the team's decline. But this is the most difficult assignment of them all in soccer: no club administration ever chastises itself for its own mistakes.

More than a rebuilt team, the return of the old spirit is needed to lift Marconi off the floor. At one stage they were plainly worried about the possibility of relegation and this for a club which has a PSL title and a Cup as part of its proud record.



Bertie Mariani

Frankly, it's hard to believe that Marconi could go through once again the traumas of the past two seasons. But they will need to pull up their socks and do a lot more than daydream about the great old days of wine and roses.

PSL '82 REVIEW

Adelaide City: Distracted



Bobby Russell

The year almost ended in tragedy for Adelaide City, once the most stylish of all PSL teams. It was only in the last round that they battled their way free of the relegation zone avoiding the ignominy of having to apply for re-admission, as did their local rivals West Adelaide in 1981.

During the year the club's attention was turned towards wiping out some huge debts which had been accumulated in earlier years. This inattention proved almost fatal on the field.

The genial Bob D'Ottavi started off the season as coach but with disaster looming he stepped down and handed over to former club hero, John Perin who had retired last year—far too prematurely, it seems. With Perin on the field and almost anybody on the coaching bench the team would have fared a lot better.

Naturally, the fickle fans abandoned Adcity during the year; everybody but especially the Latins only love winners. It's doubtful if Adcity ever had smaller home crowds than this year—and that goes for their period in the old State League as Juventus.

The club had some excuses for its pathetic season. Goalie Peter Marshall had to retire following a severe fracture of his leg, Agenor Muniz and David Mitchell left to join Sydney City where, amazingly enough, Muniz spent the whole season in the reserves.

Even more damaging to the team's performances was the indifferent form of former midfield star Gary Marocchi, once regarded as the coming ace of Australian soccer. Youngsters Sergio Melta and Chris Manou also failed to show any sizeable improvement and it was only Charlie Villani who, together with newcomer Neil Banfield, upheld the reputation of youngsters.

Last year's PSL Player of the Year, Bobby Russell and the two Nyskohus brothers were reliable without being match-winners and the whole side wallowed in a sea of mediocrity.

The team's defence was its Achilles-heel and this is the department where the most urgent repairs will be needed.

Without the free-spending policy of earlier years, Adelaide City's team building plans will be severely curtailed. They will have to find a few gems in the lower divisions or produce their own youngsters, both on a shoestring.

Whether Perin will remain as a coach or not, he should be persuaded to return to the playing field. With his economical style and polished skills, he can easily spend another two or three years in the PSL where players of his calibre are becoming depressingly rare.



Johnny Perin

However, a lot depends on the club's ability to hang on to their best players.

Bobby Russell has now declared his intention to leave; he will almost certainly go



Charlie Villani

to a Sydney PSL club which could be Leichhardt or Marconi.

Former English Youth international Neil Banfield has also been approached with offers and one wonders how long he will be able to resist the temptations.

It wouldn't surprise to see even some of the youngsters getting itchy feet.

Villani and Melta could probably do quite well with a Sydney or Melbourne club.

And Perin would find it difficult to talk them out of a move.

After all, he has admitted several times that his own career could have been more dazzling had he not preferred to stay home and be content with the smaller Adelaide milieu.

PSL '82 REVIEW

West Adelaide: Reinforced

It's always sad to see a former great team and club struggle at the bottom.

I recall the great days of 1978 when West Adelaide, with a brilliant team, raced towards the PSL title.

Then, in the very last round, they actually clinched it when they played a draw with Adelaide City, amidst the type of atmosphere now lacking from our PSL games.

Since then, however, West Adelaide have fallen on harder times; last year only a vote saved them from relegation.

West Adelaide may have to continue their team building if they don't want to slip back to the bottom.

They will undoubtedly need two or three quality players, among them a striker or two.

Alan Vest knows this business of football and, provided he gets the right assistance from the club, will restore the team to its former greatness.

With both Adelaide clubs going through a depressing period, the local fans are showing their displeasure by staying away from the games in hordes.

And all this in a city which only a few years ago was the boom town of the PSL...

Everybody knew that West Adelaide would resort to desperate measures to avoid the calamity of the 1981 season; most people expected them to begin their climb back towards respectability without any sensational results. And this is exactly what did happen.

New manager-coach Alan Vest quickly re-organised his squad and added a lot of steel to it. He also enticed two of his former Newcastle players, Steve Sumner and Graham Heys, to join him in Adelaide.

Then he went on to revert Graham Honeyman into an effective striker. For some years now Honeyman was luxuriating in a midfield role, as an elder statesman, setting the pace of the game without being involved in any goalmouth scrambles.

Now he had to step forward again—and grab for his team a handful of valuable goals, more than at any time in his career since he left Sydney City-Hakoah in 1976.

Two local youngsters, Totsikas and Atsalas, were being groomed during the season to become fully-fledged Hawks and one awaits with interest whether either of them will be able to emulate the deeds of their compatriots Katholos, Selemidis and Patikas.



Graham Honeyman, West Adelaide

Although at no stage of the League was West Adelaide in any real trouble, they didn't impress either as Top Four candidates.

There were far too many average players in their teams and not one capable of emerging as the classy leader of the side.

National goalie Martyn Crook came closest to that tag—but goalies don't determine a team's style and pace. Robbie Dunn at the back and Manecas up front could have been that missing inspiration—but neither was consistent enough.

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Wollongong: Ambitious

Just when many people predicted that the Wollongong bubble would burst, the South Coasters had their best PSL season ever, finishing an aristocratic third.

The gloomy predictions were based on the theory that newly admitted clubs, such as Newcastle and Canberra, lose their initial enthusiasm after the first couple of seasons; with the euphoria go the results. But not in Wollongong.

Chairman Laurie Kelly—in his spare time Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly—has managed to build a strong administration for the club and also a secure financial basis which, in soccer or in war, is a pre-requisite for success.

The club even survived without ill-effects the mid-season coaching crisis when Ken Morton suddenly left the club. The reasons have never been made public but rumors have it that there was more to it than a mild disagreement.

For a while veteran sweeper Chris Dunleavy handled the team before newly appointed Willie Wallace stepped in to finish the season on a high note. Knowing the Wollongong set-up and also the character of Willie Wallace, this could turn out to be the perfect match.

Before the season the Wolves managed to secure two top strikers in Roy Cotton and Phil O'Connor—and this paid rich dividends. The team which once suffered from a chronic goal-shyness now grabbed its fair share and, with that, came the points.

O'Connor had possibly his best Australian season in 1982 since his arrival when, of course, he also played on the South Coast. Neither with St. George nor with Leichhardt could he ever reproduce his very best; there must be something in the Wollongong air that agrees with him.

As for Cotton, this superbly gifted former England school international settled well into the team and occasionally produced flashes of brilliance few PSL players are capable of. His partnership with O'Connor was certainly one of the success stories of the team.

But there were others, too. Dunleavy, Arno Bertogna, Peter Tredinnick, Glen Fontana and Lee Adam, not to mention goalie Jim Preston, all helped make Wollongong a formidable unit.

The next big task ahead is to establish a social club which would provide the financial basis for years to come.



Goalie Jimmy Preston

All the PSL results of today's 16 teams

	SYDNEY CITY	HEIDELBERG	MARCONI	SOUTH MELBOURNE	ADELAIDE CITY	BRISBANE LIONS	BRISBANE CITY	WEST ADELAIDE	NEWCASTLE	FOOTSCRAY	CANBERRA	OLYMPIC	ST. GEORGE	LEICHHARDT	WOLLONGONG	PRESTON	
SYDNEY CITY	P	1-1	2-4	0-1	6-1	2-0	3-1	1-1	—	4-3	2-1	2-0	2-2	—	—	—	1977
HEIDELBERG	2-1	H	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-3	2-0	2-1	1-0	1-2	3-0	5-0	4-2	—	—	—	1978
MARCONI	1-3	0-0	I	2-0	2-1	1-1	2-0	3-0	2-0	2-1	2-1	3-4	3-1	2-3	—	—	1979
SOUTH MELBOURNE	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-1	7-0	2-0	3-0	2-2	—	4-1	4-2	—	—	1980
ADELAIDE CITY	0-1	5-3	1-1	5-3	6-1	3-0	5-2	4-0	4-0	1-0	3-0	5-4	3-1	0-1	3-3	1-0	1981
BRISBANE LIONS	0-1	6-1	2-1	2-1	2-0	3-0	3-2	0-0	—	2-0	2-0	2-1	3-1	—	—	2-0	1982
BRISBANE CITY	2-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	2-0	3-1	2-1	—	2-0	2-0	2-0	1-2	—	—	—	1977
WEST ADELAIDE	1-1	2-1	1-0	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	3-1	1-4	—	—	—	1978
NEWCASTLE	—	1-0	3-1	2-4	4-0	3-1	2-4	2-4	2-4	2-1	0-0	2-1	1-0	2-1	—	—	1979
FOOTSCRAY	4-3	1-2	3-0	3-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	1980
CANBERRA	2-1	3-0	2-1	3-0	2-1	3-0	2-1	3-0	2-1	2-1	2-1	3-4	3-1	2-3	—	—	1981
OLYMPIC	2-0	5-0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1982
ST. GEORGE	2-2	4-2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1977
LEICHHARDT	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1978
WOLLONGONG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1979
PRESTON	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1980
SYDNEY CITY	P	0-1	3-1	2-1	6-1	3-0	5-2	4-0	4-0	1-0	3-0	2-1	3-1	0-1	3-3	1-1	1981
HEIDELBERG	1-1	H	1-8	5-2	1-0	4-1	3-2	0-0	—	2-0	2-0	2-0	1-2	—	—	—	1982
MARCONI	1-1	4-1	4-1	3-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	3-1	1-4	—	—	—	1977
SOUTH MELBOURNE	2-2	3-2	3-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	2-4	2-1	0-0	2-1	1-0	2-1	—	—	1978
ADELAIDE CITY	0-0	3-3	1-2	0-0	1-0	1-0	3-1	4-2	4-0	3-2	2-0	—	4-2	5-1	—	—	1979
BRISBANE LIONS	1-1	0-1	1-2	2-0	2-1	2-2	2-0	1-2	2-0	1-1	1-0	1-0	—	1-0	0-3	2-3	1980
BRISBANE CITY	1-0	5-0	3-1	2-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	4-1	3-0	3-3	1-2	2-2	3-1	3-2	0-2	0-0	1981
WEST ADELAIDE	0-1	3-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	3-0	5-2	4-0	4-0	3-3	1-2	2-2	3-1	3-2	0-2	0-0	1982
NEWCASTLE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1977
FOOTSCRAY	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1978
CANBERRA	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1979
OLYMPIC	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1980
ST. GEORGE	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1981
LEICHHARDT	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1982
WOLLONGONG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1977
PRESTON	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1978
SYDNEY CITY	0-0	1-1	0-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-4	—	2-0	0-1	0-2	1-1	—	—	—	1979
HEIDELBERG	0-3	1-1	0-3	3-4	2-1	0-1	3-1	1-2	1-2	3-0	1-0	3-2	1-4	—	—	—	1980
MARCONI	0-1	3-1	3-4	1-0	2-1	0-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-1	0-1	2-1	4-0	2-0	—	—	1981
SOUTH MELBOURNE	1-0	7-0	2-1	0-1	1-2	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-2	1-1	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	1982
ADELAIDE CITY	2-0	1-2	4-0	1-1	3-1	1-0	4-1	4-1	4-1	7-1	1-0	1-1	—	—	—	—	1977
BRISBANE LIONS	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-2	2-0	—	1-3	2-1	4-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	—	—	—	—	1978
BRISBANE CITY	0-0	2-1	1-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-0	2-1	0-0	0-1	0-2	1-1	—	—	—	1979
WEST ADELAIDE	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-1	3-1	1-2	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-0	3-0	0-0	2-3	2-1	—	—	1980
NEWCASTLE	1-1	1-1	0-3	3-4	2-1	0-1	3-1	1-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	1981
FOOTSCRAY	1-1	1-1	0-3	3-4	2-1	0-1	3-1	1-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	1982
CANBERRA	1-1	1-1	0-3	3-4	2-1	0-1	3-1	1-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	1977
OLYMPIC	1-1	1-1	0-3	3-4	2-1	0-1	3-1	1-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	1978
ST. GEORGE	1-1	1-1	0-3	3-4	2-1	0-1	3-1	1-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	1979
LEICHHARDT	1-1	1-1	0-3	3-4	2-1	0-1	3-1	1-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	1980
WOLLONGONG	1-1	1-1	0-3	3-4	2-1	0-1	3-1	1-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	1981
PRESTON	1-1	1-1	0-3	3-4	2-1	0-1	3-1	1-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	—	—	—	—	—	1982

This chart, spread over two pages, shows all the results of today's 16 PSL teams since 1977.

The table must be read in the usual fashion; results of home teams in the horizontal columns, away results in the vertical ones.

The years are shown at the right hand margin of each horizontal column.

We took extreme care in the compilation of this chart. However, we concede the possibility that some errors might have been made. We would be grateful if any careful reader drew our attention to any such mistakes.

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Canberra: Abandoned

There is not a great deal of praise one can scrape together for a team which, once again and for the third time in six seasons, finished in the relegation zone.

It seems that during the last two years or so all the dreams for a multi-ethnic club have evaporated. First it was the British segment that took charge of the club and later it was the Greeks who moved in to carry out a rescue operation.

The upshot is that Canberra City was sold for the princely sum of \$1 to Downer Olympic which also accepted responsibility for the club's debts in return for a PSL status.

Charlie Perkins, the Aborigine fire-eater, has been installed as president once again but it's not quite clear how the club will operate, under what name and under whose umbrella. Whatever happens, Canberra City's dreams of being adopted by the Federal Capital's large captive, sports-starved population, is now a thing of the past.

In the second half of the season some of Canberra's attendance figures provided depressing reading; they even dipped under the 1,000 mark and all this in the splendor of Bruce Stadium, the best PSL venue of them all which was handed to them on a platter.

Coach George Murray somehow failed to weld a usable team together yet is likely to survive in the job; for considerably better results his predecessor Vic Fernandez was promptly sacked.

Yet Canberra's playing strength wasn't all that poor in 1982. Despite the losses they still had players like Gary Byrne, Tony Brennan, Ian Purdie, Terry Byrne and Ian Gibson as well as the newly signed George Christopoulos and that useful newcomer Paul Ontong. Player by player, they certainly rated better than their 15th placing, so it must have been other, domestic problems which caused the team's downfall.

True, there were some notable losses. The three O'Sheas rejoined St. George, the two Kiwis, Richard Wilson and Duncan Cole as well as former Monaro darlings Sebastian Giampaolo and Walter Valeri all left. This was an enormous blood-letting leaving gaping gaps in the team.

But somehow it was the fight that went out of the side, not so much the class.

Canberra is sure to apply for re-admission and the ASF is certain to give its approval, especially now that Downer Olympic's finances become available.

However, one can only hope that Canberra will at last make an effort to

depend on the successes of its team on the field more than on its favored geographical position in order to remain in the PSL.

President Perkins isn't the type of man who takes defeat easily; it's certain that he and his helpers will strive long and hard to rebuild the team for 1983 and start to bring back the crowds which in 1978 and 1979 made the city one of the PSL boom-towns.



Tony Brennan, Canberra

Newcastle: Workmanlike

One wonders how the depressed economy will affect the fortunes of Newcastle. With the steel and mining industry in trouble, the very core of Newcastle United's support is directly hit.

Unfortunately, Newcastle's boom period in the PSL is over, regardless of the Australian economy. The amazingly high attendances of the first two seasons are now a thing of the past; one wonders if they or any other club will ever again approach the 10,000 averages.

The retirement of Paul Trisley must have also been a blow to the club. This Newcastle solicitor was the heart and soul of the club for years and proved to be the best administrator in the PSL—a sort of Frank Arok without the coaching bit.

For some time, Newcastle managed to provide an extra attraction for the fans through guest players. However, with finances more limited, this enterprise also had to come to an end.

The team seldom played badly—and equally seldom turned on some inspired stuff. It was a string of steady, non-sense performances without frills which kept them going and out of trouble.



Malcolm McClelland, Newcastle

One major achievement was the production of two very gifted youngsters in David Lowe and Nigel Drysdale. Both could go a long way in soccer and one wonders how long Newcastle can hang on to them when the chequebooks are fluttering in the air.

For months Roy Drinkwater's absence badly weakened not just the defence but the whole team; his return spelt the start of a revival which eventually swept the team away from the danger zone.

Joe Senkalski and young Howard Tredinnick were key figures in the team which had more equilibrium than color and flair.

The British reinforcements hastily secured played only a few games to make a deep impression but could turn out to be major gains next season, perhaps more than former Leeds international Paul Reaney who, after a mediocre spell, packed his bags and left; yet another England legend destroyed.

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Footscray: Escapes

Footscray have had more escapes from relegation than inmates from our light security prisons. Year after anxious year they flirt with disaster, drift towards the bottom and then, usually in the last round or two, they wriggle free as if it were the most natural thing in the world.

This is Footscray, the Bohemian, carefree 'Plavi,' the team full of very gifted individuals but too often without a character and backbone.

Footscray must know that once they do end up in a relegation position, they are doomed. The PSL is all but waiting for the chance to replace them with another Victorian entry which has a superior crowd support to Footscray's meagre following, inevitably announced as a 'crowd of about 1,000.'

Off and on Peter Jaksa was coaching the side but there were so many skirmishes between the fiery coach and his club that one never knew for sure whether he was still or perhaps again in charge.

Footscray is the most 'ethnic' of all PSL teams and almost all their players are Yugoslav recruits. Often only goalie Denis Boland and that reliable sweeper Jim Kondarios were the only 'outsiders' among Yugoslavs.

This year they again added some new faces to their squad when, towards the end, Hatunic and Pljevaljic arrived on the scene. Earlier the dangerous goal-getter Kojic was slotted into the side.

The two playmakers of the team were, once again, Ilioski and Jovanovic, an excellent pair; one wonders what sort of stardom they could attain if they played in a team a bit more reliable and functional.

At the back Kondarios, up front the elusive, very skilful Lujic had the lead parts with some youngsters like Belic and Kyriakouleas also prominent from time to time.

On occasions, Footscray were a delight to watch: a smooth, skilful team, playing technically very clever football in the classic Yugoslav mould. However, one often had the feeling that they could have done with a bit less cheek and a trifle more steel in their play.

It would be foolish to expect any major changes in the team's fortunes; Footscray will always remain what they are today, struggling at the bottom, living with the thought of disaster which could end their PSL career.

It's a pity, really, because the PSL would lose a lot of its color once Footscray got relegated.



Zdravko Lujic, Footscray



Steve Wooddin, Sth. Melbourne

Sth. Melbourne: Turmoil

South Melbourne managed to encapsulate in one season the best of all the Greek dramas, tragedies and frolicking comedies.

They started off as serious title contenders, signed new players left and right—then finished up empty-handed, out of the Top Four, with one coach sacked and another resigned. It was a year the club will hope to forget in a hurry.

The arrival of Steve Wooddin and Grant Turner made the South Melbourne squad look immensely formidable; certainly equal to that of Sydney City. They had some 16 or more quality players at their disposal and it seemed harder to make the first team than the Socceroos under Rudi Gutendorf.

But soon the air of optimism vanished: the team took a poor start and accusations were made by management and players against one another.

First Turner, then Wooddin disappeared—then coach Margaritis—Coach of the Year in 1980—was dumped to make room for Tommy Docherty.

The Doc, in his usual typhoon style, chucked out experienced players like John Stevenson, Bertie Lutton and A'lun Evans and actually transferred stopper David Jones—for whom the club had fought long and hard only a few months earlier.

Then Evans was taken off the transfer list and Branko Buljevic returned to the side, too—but it was all in vain. No team could possibly withstand such buffeting and the end result was predictable. No disaster—but certainly no glory either.

On the positive side one has to mention the sudden appearance of the little Charlie Egan, a veritable scoring machine. Youngsters Steve Blair and Alan Davidson as well as veteran Arthur Xanthopoulos were the mainstays of the team where Evans, Bill Rogers and even Buljevic disappointed.

Heaven knows what to expect from this totally unpredictable club next season. First they have to find a coach to replace Docherty who left them for Sydney Olympic. Then they have to work out a more sensible and steadier team policy without resorting to impulse buying.

South Melbourne still has the player strength to play a leading part in the PSL; they may not even have to spend further fortunes on new players.

If they can calm down a bit and stop their maddening habit of corner-cutting, they could become one of the major challengers to Sydney City in 1983. Their vast following in Melbourne surely deserves it.

ALL-TIME PSL PLACINGS

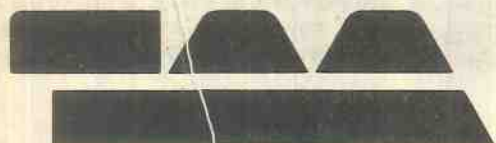
	77	78	79	80	81	82
Sydney City	1	2	3	1	1	1
Heidelberg	3	5	2	2	8	4
Marconi	2	4	1	4	14	10
South Melbourne	11	3	14	3	2	6
Adelaide City	4	10	5	5	7	13
Brisbane Lions	9	6	9	7	6	11
Brisbane City	10	14	4	12	3	16
West Adelaide	7	1	7	13	16	9
Newcastle	—	11	6	6	10	12
Footscray	8	12	10	9	13	14
Canberra	13	13	12	10	5	15
Olympic	12	8	13	—	9	8
St. George	6	7	11	14	—	2
Leichhardt	—	—	8	8	4	7
Wollongong	—	—	—	—	11	3
Preston	—	—	—	—	12	5
Western Suburbs	5	9	—	—	—	—
Blacktown	—	—	—	11	15	—
Mooroolbark	14	—	—	—	—	—



Eddie Thomson under whose coaching Sydney City have won three PSL titles in three seasons.

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NOT ALL FIGURES LIE

Figures set in *italics* in this chart show when a team finished the season in a relegated position.

Sydney City have by far the best record of all—they have never been lower than third. At the other end of the scale, Footscray have never been higher than eighth...

Some teams have had huge fluctuations in their placings: Brisbane City from 14th to 4th, then from 3rd to 16th...Canberra from 5th to 15th...Marconi in three seasons from 1st to 14th...or St. George from State League status to 2nd.

An upward trend is shown by St. George, Olympic, Preston and Wollongong—not to mention Sydney City, again—while Adelaide City, Lions, Brisbane City, Newcastle and Footscray are gradually slipping.

In the six PSL seasons Sydney teams reached the Top Four 12 times, the Melbourne ones seven times—but, of course, they had less teams to do so.

Sydney always provided two teams in the Top Four—and this year this was supplemented by a third NSW side, Wollongong.

The four Adelaide and Brisbane teams between themselves reached a semi-final spot only four times in six seasons.

ALL-TIME PSL TABLE

	Pl.	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Sydney City	164	98	34	32	327	169	230
2. Heidelberg	164	75	44	45	269	213	194
3. Marconi	164	77	36	51	266	204	190
4. South Melbourne	164	64	46	54	227	195	174
5. Adelaide City	164	66	41	57	252	214	173
6. Brisbane Lions	164	53	51	60	190	227	157
7. Brisbane City	164	50	46	68	195	230	146
8. West Adelaide	164	56	33	75	202	233	145
9. Newcastle	138	50	40	48	182	194	140
10. Footscray	164	45	47	72	192	254	137
11. Canberra	164	43	49	72	187	240	135
12. Olympic	138	46	34	58	181	199	126
13. St. George	134	44	35	55	186	223	123
14. Leichhardt	112	43	28	41	144	159	114
15. Wollongong	60	24	15	21	78	85	63
16. Preston	60	21	17	22	84	82	59
17. Western Suburbs	52	20	13	19	79	74	53
18. Blacktown	56	15	12	29	66	102	42
19. Mooroolbark	26	5	5	16	31	61	15

Not at all surprisingly, Sydney City holds all the aces in this pack. They have collected the most points, won most matches and also have the best defensive record.

Of the others, who have been in the PSL for all six seasons, Heidelberg, Marconi, South Melbourne and Adelaide City are the only ones with a positive record.

Brisbane Lions have played the greatest number of drawn matches, West Adelaide have suffered most defeats and Heidelberg have scored most goals.

It's interesting to note that Newcastle rank higher than Footscray and Canberra—despite having missed the initial PSL season and thus having played 26 matches less.

KOSMINA WINS A HAWAII HONEYMOON

At the end of September, Sydney City star John Kosmina, the new Soccerroo captain, won the annual Daily Mirror Superstar award—a great silver trophy plus a trip for two to Hawaii.

Kosmina, who got married only a few weeks earlier, will use the trip for a pleasant and all-expenses paid honeymoon.

But not before he leads the Soccerroos to Singapore where, in October, Australia will take part in a friendly international tournament.



Tony Boskovic, Australia's top referee, who participated in his second World Cup Finals this year in Spain.



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PSL '82 REVIEW

Heidelberg: Slipping

Sad to say, Heidelberg is no longer what it was in 1979 to 1981. Missing from the team is that wonderful, pulsating rhythm, that even tempo by which you could set your metronome.

Obviously, they are still a very good side, capable of beating anybody on their day but the 'old method' is no more. Perhaps Len McKendry will have to work on it to restore it to the side.

Part of the explanation lies in the departure of Jimmy Rooney who was such an integral part of the team. Mystery surrounds his sudden transfer and one would have to regret if it were on anything but the friendliest of terms. Heidelberg is not known as a ruthless club.

Another detectable weakness in the team was in its defence. Both Arthur McMillan and Jim Tansey find the pace of young strikers a bit above them and so the team has become vulnerable to opponents who can get behind the fullbacks on the flanks.

Tansey's return after a horrible injury and complicated surgery will please his many fans. But it looks likely that this polished ex-Socceroo may find himself in the same boat as Doug Utjesenovic some years ago who could never regain reach peak form after a similar injury.

Gary Cole and Jamie Paton, this formerly deadly striking duo, also seem to have lost a bit of speed and sharpness. Cole's ordinary form all but crippled the Heidelberg attack where Paton so heavily relied on his co-operation.

On the credit side was the sparkling form and handful of goals of former midfielder Jim Campbell. He moved to the front to take over the old post of Andy Bozikas and became the '1/2' in that special Heidelberg formation which can be best described as 4-3½-2½ with Campbell all but completely joining Cole and Paton in attack.

Charlie Yankos and Mick Valentine, two youngsters, showed very big improvement during the year and could become key players soon.

Sadly enough, brilliant defender cum playmaker John Yzendoorn missed a large part of the season with a serious injury; his vision and distribution were a feature of Heidelberg's game in previous seasons. Young Theo Selemidis had a steady year but one expected a bit more from this talented midfield man once on the verge of becoming a regular Socceroo.

But Heidelberg still have a very big asset and that is coach Len McKendry, one of the best in the game.

McKendry believes in concepts, if not rigid systems and he excels in using the available talent with maximum effect.

This season Heidelberg still belonged to the classier half of the PSL field even if they fell somewhat short of their earlier vintage years.

One or two suitable reinforcements could remedy the situation especially if McKendry finds the right man to assume the old role of Rooney as the initiator of the attacks in midfield.



Jimmy Campbell, Heidelberg

Preston: Stylish

Preston were one of the few pleasant surprises of the PSL in 1982. They came within a whisker of making the Top Four, missing out by a single goal but issuing a warning that next season they may advance even further on the ladder.



Peter Ollerton, Preston

The team had very good crowd support at home, from the Makedonian community and the club seems to be stable and well run.

They also had the good fortune of finding, in former star Peter Ollerton, a highly successful new coach. With considerable patience and intelligence, Ollerton has been building the type of team he wants, gradually increasing the strength of the team while constantly polishing their already attractive style.

The result: a team most fans like to watch, playing attractive soccer and getting quite a few goals, too.

Preston have quite a few quality players but even from that elite group two stood out in 1982: Doug Brown and Allan Whittle.

Brown became one of the most admired strikers in the PSL, a very polished performer who can carve goals out of thin air. Whittle, a former Wembley Cup Final hero, was the team's computer brain, the man setting the pace, flinging the ball around and dominating the midfield.

Injury free at last, Gary Ward has shown his value as a sharp striker while the tall George McMillan has turned out to be a versatile performer shifting from striker to stopper and back to striker or midfielder with consummate ease.

Claude Lucchesi, Ljube Petrovski, newly signed stopper David Jones and occasionally, often as a sub, even Peter Ollerton all added their contribution to the team's successes.

PSL '82 REVIEW

Brisb. Lions: Steady



Stephen Hogg, Lions

Brisbane Lions ran their usual race in 1982. No great ups and downs, only a modicum of excitement, no great expectations and few big disappointments. A Lions year, you could say.

Together with Sydney City, they represent the major anachronism in the PSL. This former Dutch-backed club has lost its Dutch support though most of the administrators still hail from Holland. They would dearly like to appeal to the general populace of Brisbane, including the many expatriate Britons but—like Sydney City—are at a loss how to go about it.

Just like Sydney City—another parallel—Lions are financially stable; they even have property investments and now play in their own stadium. They have a very strong and well run organised club management—and all they need is some public support plus, perhaps, a winning team which can swing the neutrals behind players.

During the year the carefully laid down Lions youth policy produced only hopes for the future. Calvin Daunt and Danny Wright have been around for a couple of seasons, despite their youth and while both are talented, neither of them has really shot to the top of the heap.

It was, once again, the more experienced players who had to carry the side. Former or current internationals Col Bennett, David Niven and Steve Hogg as well as that skilful Scottish veteran Bill Williamson formed the nucleus of the team which hardly ever played really badly—but seldom sparked either.

You can confidently expect Lions to have the same type of season again in 1983 and thereafter; a solid middle-class club which refuses to overspend but hopes that its youth policy will, one day, perhaps soon, provide them with the players needed to carry them to the top.

Brisbane City: Boom and bust

Last—again. Brisbane City is definitely the PSL's boom-and-bust team, oscillating between intoxicating highs, such as a double Cup triumph and despairing depths, such as this year.

Not surprisingly, this year they lost most of their support and managed crowds which, for an Italian-backed club, are almost without precedent in Australia.

The loss of David Ratcliffe, Larry Gaffney and Paul Wilkinson must have been felt throughout the season.

Even the return to the fold of evergreen Jim Hermiston and Peter Tokesi didn't compensate for the blood-letting. Steve Perry was out for a long spell with injury and the defence at times looked like a second-hand sieve.

In most of their matches, they lacked a playmaker, a character, preferably in midfield. Frank Pimblett wasn't able to assume this role and the others had even less success.

Only Jim Hermiston and Frank Liddell stood out during the season—and Hermiston's eminence reflects poorly on the others. This former Scottish veteran is now without any marked mobility and relies almost exclusively on his still impeccable kicking technique which, sadly enough, is still enough to lift a player above the ordinary in a poor team.

The Brisbane City attack never functioned properly. Willie Conner, Joe Palinkas, Barry Kelso and Steve Glockner all had their days—but seldom managed it in unison. The result was an impotent striking force which got more goals through individual bravado than method.

However, let's be fair to this team. In many of their games they didn't look all that bad; certainly not bad enough to be

relegated. The problem was really that, collectively and over a 30-week period, they were what doctors would describe as constitutionally inadequate.

Also on the credit side one must mention that they stuck to coach Nereo Saffich even when things began to look gloomy. In previous years coaching changes were the order of the day—with Saffich himself engaged and dismissed more often than an Italian cabinet.



Frank Pimblett, Brisbane City

After 102 years of soccer in Australia

Not one 'pure' Aussie among award winners...

The annual Australian Soccer Press Association dinner recently saw Peter Katholos being crowned as the PSL Player of the Year.

Other winners were David Lowe of Newcastle (Under-21 category), Frank Arok (coach), Tony Boskovic (referee) and Anton Cermak (photographer.)

Amazingly and sadly, there has not been one single winner ever of a player or coach with a 'pure' Australian background.

These have been the winners, with their nationalities in brackets:

PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

- 1977: Rooney (British)
- 1978: Boden (British)
- 1979: Prskalo (Yugoslav)
- 1980: Hermiston (British)
- 1981: Russell (British)
- 1982: Katholos (Greek)



David Mitchell

U-21 PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

- 1977: Kosmina (Polish)
- 1978: Souness (British)
- 1979: Krncevic (Yugoslav)
- 1980: Spanos (British)
- 1981: Mitchell (British)
- 1982: Lowe (British)



Frank Arok

COACH OF THE YEAR:

- 1977: Rasic (Yugoslav)
- 1978: Chaldi (Israeli)
- 1979: Scheinflug (German)
- 1980: Margaritis (Greek)
- 1981: Thomson (British)
- 1982: Arok (Hungarian)

Before the phone rings—some explanations...

We know that John Kosmina, Eddie Krncevic and David Lowe were born in Australia; we also know that Peter Katholos and David Mitchell came to this country as children.

What we want to say is that ALL are either foreign-born or the locally born sons of migrants. There hasn't been one winner so far of a player like a John Warren who could claim to have been born here of two Australian born parents.

Another explanation. Frank Arok is often described as a Yugoslav. That is his nationality; he was born in Novi Sad, part of Yugoslavia, of two Hungarian parents and his mother tongue is still Hungarian.

The same with Les Scheinflug who was also born in Yugoslavia but of German parents and was raised in Germany.

These are semantic points, perhaps but worth mentioning for our more pedantic readers.

Of the six Players of the Year, five have been imports. In the Under-21 category two have been imports and four home-produced.

Of the coaches who have won the award, Rasic, Chaldi, Scheinflug and Margaritis all lost their jobs in subsequent years.

At present, only Thomson and Arok are coaching in the PSL while Scheinflug is the national coach.



CLOSE RACE TIPPED FOR ROTHMANS GOLD

Blacktown's World Youth Cup defender Robert Wheatley and former Polish international, now Polonia goalie Ziggy Kalinowski, are the favorites to win this year's Rothmans Medal.

The presentation will be made on Wednesday, October 6, in the Grand Ball Room of the Sydney Hilton hotel.

Others who are expected to poll well include Williams (Avala), R. Smith (Rockdale), Reagan (Manly), Stoddart (Riverwood), Basterfield (Canterbury), McIntosh (Yugal) and Coleman (Croatia).

The players are awarded points during the season for performance and sportsmanship, by the referees.

Guest of honor at the gala function will be George Paciullo, MLA for Liverpool, representing the Premier of NSW, Neville Wran.

Other guests will be ASF President Sir Arthur George, NSW President Karl Rodny, members of the NSW executive and Robert Page, NSW State Manager for Rothmans of Pall Mall (Australia) Limited.

The compere of the evening will be TV and radio star Barry Eaton—himself an avid soccer fan.

At least 250 guests are expected to attend the dinner.

The Rothmans Medal, made of gold, is valued at \$3,500.

Past winners were:

- 1970: George Blues (APIA)
- 1971: John Watkiss (Hakoah)
- 1972: Manfred Schaefer (St. George)
- 1973: John McDonald (Auburn)
- 1974: Mike Trebilcock (West)
- 1975: John McDonald (Sutherland)
- 1976: Bruce Stowell (P. Hellenic)
- 1977: John Watkiss (Sutherland)
- 1978: Terry Butler (APIA)
- 1979: John Lee (Bankstown)
- 1980: Neil Williams (Canterbury)
- 1981: Dez Marton (St. George)



Terry Butler, winner in 1978



Dez Marton, last year's winner

ALL NSW FEDERATION TABLES FOR 1982

STATE LEAGUE GRADE ONE

1. Croatia	26	15	8	3	44	10	38
2. Riverwood	26	17	4	5	53	31	38
3. Blacktown	26	16	6	4	50	28	38
4. Sutherland	26	15	5	6	43	22	35
5. Melita	26	10	10	6	41	24	30
6. Manly	26	12	6	8	44	33	30
7. Canterb.	26	11	6	9	42	43	28
8. Polonia	26	7	9	10	19	23	23
9. Yugal	26	8	6	12	34	48	22
10. Avala	26	5	11	10	29	38	21
11. Auburn	26	6	9	11	24	36	21
12. Monaro	26	4	6	16	30	58	14
13. Bankst'n	26	4	5	17	30	55	13
14. Rockdale	26	2	9	15	30	64	13

STATE LEAGUE GRADE TWO

1. Sutherland	26	18	6	2	58	21	42
2. Melita	26	15	8	3	57	25	38
3. Bankstown	26	12	9	5	46	28	33
4. Croatia	26	12	8	6	37	24	32
5. Canterb.	26	12	5	9	57	38	29
6. Blacktown	26	12	5	9	51	38	29
7. Riverwood	26	12	5	9	40	31	29
8. Manly	26	12	3	11	51	41	27
9. Yugal	26	9	3	14	33	48	21
10. Avala	26	9	3	14	28	58	21
11. Rockdale	26	6	7	13	24	54	19
12. Auburn	26	6	5	15	26	40	17
13. Monaro	26	6	3	17	38	59	15
14. Polonia	26	4	4	18	14	55	12

STATE LEAGUE GRADE THREE

1. Melita	24	20	0	4	67	17	40
2. Blacktown	24	15	6	3	53	28	36
3. Riverwood	24	16	4	4	50	25	36
4. Sutherland	24	15	5	4	64	24	35
5. Manly	24	15	4	5	47	24	34
6. Canterb.	24	10	6	8	32	30	26
7. Rockdale	24	9	7	8	37	37	25
8. Auburn	24	7	5	12	37	48	19
9. Polonia	24	6	6	12	28	40	18
10. Bankstown	24	6	5	13	25	47	17
11. Croatia	24	5	2	17	22	47	12
12. Yugal	24	3	3	18	22	61	9
13. Avala	24	2	1	21	22	78	5

FIRST DIVISION GRADE ONE

1. Kuringai	26	18	4	4	48	17	40
2. Blacktown	26	16	3	7	55	30	35
3. Fairymdw.	26	13	9	4	41	24	35
4. Revesby	26	13	5	8	51	37	31
5. Warring.	26	12	7	7	48	40	31
6. Penrith	26	12	7	7	35	29	31
7. Wollong.	26	11	9	6	30	27	31
8. Nth.Banks.	26	9	5	12	34	35	23
9. Gl. Ravens	26	6	10	10	24	32	22
10. P'matta	26	7	7	12	33	43	21
11. Dee Why	26	6	9	11	35	47	21
12. Belmore	26	3	10	13	28	48	16
13. Uni.NSW	26	6	3	17	23	48	15
14. Bathurst	26	3	6	17	20	48	12

FIRST DIVISION GRADE TWO

1. Kuringai	26	22	2	2	82	11	46
2. Fairymdw.	26	19	4	3	66	23	42
3. Gl. Ravens	26	15	5	6	50	33	35
4. Nth.Banks.	26	14	6	6	38	26	34
5. Penrith	26	12	7	7	54	36	31
6. Revesby	26	10	8	8	44	30	28
7. P'matta	26	9	8	9	41	37	26
8. Warring.	26	9	5	12	47	47	23
9. Wollong.	26	9	4	13	30	48	22
10. Blacktown	26	7	5	14	32	47	19
11. Dee Why	26	6	5	15	29	48	17
12. Uni.NSW	26	5	7	14	23	59	17
13. Bathurst	26	5	4	17	25	61	14
14. Belmore	26	1	8	17	22	77	10

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1. Kuringai	26	19	6	1	70	15	44
2. Blacktown	26	20	2	4	67	26	42
3. Gl. Ravens	26	16	6	4	66	29	38
4. Penrith	26	17	2	7	81	26	36
5. Fairymdw.	26	16	4	6	49	17	36
6. Belmore	26	12	5	9	48	33	29
7. Dee Why	26	12	5	9	39	32	29
8. P'matta	26	12	4	10	55	42	28
9. Warring.	26	11	4	11	47	67	26
10. Nth.Banks.	26	5	7	14	35	63	17
11. Wollong.	26	3	7	16	24	56	13
12. Revesby	26	4	3	19	26	80	11
13. Bathurst	26	4	2	20	25	68	10
14. Uni.NSW	26	1	3	22	14	92	5

SECOND DIVISION GRADE ONE

1. Artarmon	22	17	2	3	66	23	36
2. Campbellt.	22	16	3	3	47	24	35
3. Kingsford	22	14	2	6	54	35	30
4. Mt.Druitt	22	8	8	6	46	35	24
5. Baulk.H.	22	8	6	8	33	26	22
6. Nth.Ryde	22	8	6	8	39	34	22
7. Gl. Horns.	22	9	3	10	36	39	21
8. Liv. Alb.	22	7	5	10	23	36	19
9. Queens P.	22	5	4	13	28	43	14
10. C.S.I.	22	6	2	14	25	50	14
11. Lane Cove	22	3	8	11	25	60	14
12. Nineveh	22	4	5	13	22	39	13

SECOND DIVISION GRADE TWO

1. Gl. Horns.	22	15	4	3	63	32	34
2. Nth.Ryde	22	15	3	4	56	23	33
3. Campbellt.	22	12	6	4	53	29	30
4. Artarmon	22	8	10	4	35	31	26
5. Kingsford	22	9	7	6	46	33	25
6. Baulk. H.	22	8	6	8	33	40	22
7. Mt.Druitt	22	7	4	11	40	48	18
8. Nineveh	22	6	5	11	32	53	17
9. C.S.I.	22	5	6	11	37	48	16
10. Liv. Albion	22	6	4	12	31	43	16
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12. Lane Cove	22	3	5	14	21	51	11

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4. Kingsford	22	12	5	5	54	25	29
5. Queens P.	22	12	4	6	72	25	28
6. Nth.Ryde	22	12	4	6	77	37	28
7. Liv. Albion	22	12	1	9	46	36	25
8. C.S.I.	22	8	7	7	32	43	23
9. Mt.Druitt	22	8	4	10	42	42	20
10. Lane Cove	22	3	4	15	33	63	10
11. Nineveh	22	2	2	18	27	81	6
12. Artarmon	22	0	0	22	7	157	0

THIRD DIVISION GRADE ONE

1. Bondi	22	14	5	3	43	15	33
2. Pt.Hacking	22	10	7	5	37	25	27
3. Fairf.West	22	11	5	6	45	37	27
4. Fairf.Kiev	22	11	4	7	49	39	26
5. Spanish C.	22	10	6	6	41	31	26
6. Wenty	22	11	4	7	41	35	26
7. Concordia	22	9	5	8	35	32	23
8. East. Crk.	22	6	6	10	24	32	18
9. Hurstvl.	22	7	4	11	28	38	18
10. Syd.Uni	22	5	5	12	32	43	15
11. Padstow P.	22	3	7	12	36	56	13
12. W. Holroyd	22	2	8	12	24	52	12

THIRD DIVISION GRADE TWO

1. Pt.Hacking	22	13	5	4	49	25	31
2. Bondi	22	11	8	3	52	24	30
3. Fairf.West	22	11	7	4	54	33	29
4. Spanish C.	22	13	3	6	47	32	29
5. East.Crk.	22	11	5	6	44	26	27
6. Padstow	22	8	6	8	36	35	22
7. Concordia	22	9	3	10	31	37	21
8. Syd. Uni	22	6	8	8	28	30	20
9. W. Holroyd	22	9	2	11	21	34	20
10. Hurstvl.	22	6	6	10	32	47	18
11. Fairf.Kiev	22	2	5	15	23	66	9
12. Wenty	22	2	4	16	19	47	8

FOURTH DIVISION GRADE ONE

1. Maroubra	22	14	4	4	46	31	32
2. King Tom.	22	14	3	5	45	22	31
3. Maccabi	22	11	4	7	55	31	26
4. Canley H.	22	10	5	7	45	27	25
5. Glenqr.	22	8	8	6	43	38	24
6. Chile Ryde	22	8	7	7	32	28	23
7. Moorebank	22	10	3	9	39	39	23
8. W. St.Geo.	22	8	6	8	43	36	22
9. Pagewood	22	10	1	11	38	44	21
10. Chelsea	22	8	4	10	45	45	20
11. Winston H.	22	3	4	15	20	70	10
12. Revesby R.	22	2	3	17	34	74	7

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**FOURTH DIVISION
GRADE TWO**

1. W.St. Geo.	22	16	5	1	66	9	37
2. Moorebank	22	16	4	2	68	16	36
3. Chelsea	22	14	4	4	54	21	32
4. Glenquar.	22	14	3	5	51	24	31
5. Maccabi	22	13	4	5	55	27	30
6. Canley H.	22	9	3	10	27	30	21
7. King Tom.	22	9	1	12	36	50	19
8. Pagewood	22	6	2	14	25	45	14
9. Chile Ryde	22	6	2	14	25	57	14
10. Maroubra	22	4	4	14	21	39	12
11. Winston H.	22	5	2	15	21	48	12
12. Revesby R.	22	1	4	17	10	93	6

**FIFTH DIVISION
GRADE ONE**

1. Transad.	22	12	6	4	43	20	30
2. Eastwood	22	13	3	6	49	25	29
3. Blue Ducks	22	9	9	4	35	26	27
4. Ryde Dist.	22	10	6	6	42	27	26
5. Macq.Uni	22	10	5	7	31	29	25
6. Gr.Valley	22	7	8	7	42	39	22
7. Liverp.City	22	7	7	8	24	27	21
8. Hawkesb.D	22	10	3	9	33	36	23
9. Robins	22	4	9	9	29	35	17
10. Blackt.W.	22	5	6	11	26	47	16
11. Colo Colo	22	6	2	14	26	56	14
12. Chullora	22	5	4	13	25	38	14

**FIFTH DIVISION
GRADE TWO**

1. Eastwood	22	16	3	3	61	18	35
2. Macq.Uni	22	12	7	3	59	22	31
3. Green Vall.	22	14	3	5	44	20	31
4. Ryde Dis.	22	9	6	7	37	27	24
5. Liverp.City	22	8	6	8	45	37	22
6. Hawkesb.D	22	8	6	8	48	52	22
7. Robins	22	8	5	9	33	32	21
8. Colo Colo	22	6	8	8	27	39	20
9. Blackt.W.	22	8	3	11	36	50	19
10. Transadn.	22	6	6	10	29	44	18
11. Chullora	22	5	1	16	21	57	11
12. Blue Ducks	22	4	2	16	21	63	10

**SIXTH DIVISION
GRADE ONE**

1. Macarthur	22	20	0	2	96	18	40
2. Smithfield	22	14	2	6	58	41	30
3. Hajduk	22	11	6	5	48	34	28
4. Murray Fr.	22	12	3	7	49	41	27
5. Lithgow	22	11	3	8	42	32	25
6. Hellas P.	22	6	7	9	51	43	19
7. Liv. Rang.	22	7	5	10	27	41	19
8. Nepean	22	6	6	10	25	54	18
9. Bl. Work.	22	7	3	12	36	45	17
10. Sth.Syd.	22	6	4	12	26	53	16
11. Liverp.Utd.	22	5	5	12	35	59	15
12. Aub.Jun.	22	4	2	16	23	55	10

**SIXTH DIVISION
GRADE TWO**

1. Macarthur	22	15	4	3	66	22	34
2. Murray Fr.	22	15	4	3	51	21	34
3. Sth. Syd.	22	11	8	3	52	29	30
4. Smithfield	22	11	7	4	44	23	29
5. Hajduk	22	12	5	5	48	32	29
6. Nepean	22	12	3	7	41	22	27
7. Bl. Work.	22	8	4	10	36	32	20
8. Aub.Jun.	22	6	7	9	26	32	19
9. Liv. Rang.	22	6	3	13	15	34	15
10. Liv.Utd.	22	4	4	14	22	63	12
11. Hellas	22	2	6	14	18	37	10
12. Lithgow	22	1	3	18	10	82	5

**SEVENTH DIVISION
GRADE ONE**

1. Rosebery	14	10	1	3	43	14	21
2. Dulwich H.	14	9	3	2	43	18	21
3. Argentin.	14	7	3	4	34	29	17
4. Jedinstvo	14	6	5	3	31	29	17
5. Welcome	14	6	4	4	29	21	16
6. Lansvale	14	7	0	7	37	29	14
7. Sans Souci	14	2	1	11	17	46	5
8. Santiago	14	0	1	13	21	69	1

**SEVENTH DIVISION
GRADE TWO**

1. Argentin.	14	11	2	1	32	12	24
2. Dulwich H.	14	11	1	2	64	20	23
3. Welcome	14	8	4	2	39	18	20
4. Rosebery	14	8	3	3	34	12	19
5. Lansvale	14	5	3	6	28	26	13
6. Sans Souci	14	3	1	10	14	28	7
7. Santiago	14	1	2	11	17	56	4
8. Jedinstvo	14	0	2	12	18	74	2



**BOOKS FOR
CHRISTMAS**

Soccer lovers need not search for complicated Christmas presents.

Two successful books now on the market would be welcome additions to any library.

One is for youngsters, 'Soccer for Junior Soccerers.' It would appeal to youngsters in the 5-10 age group.

The other is the 'Complete Book of Soccer,' a comprehensive, lavishly illustrated book dealing with all aspects of the game.

Both were written by Andrew Dettre and published by Lansdowne Press, Sydney.

**EUROPEAN
TITLES**



French ace Alain Giresse

The European Championship elimination games will get into full swing in the coming weeks and months.

These are the groups:

Group 1: Belgium, East Germany, Scotland, Switzerland.

Group 2: Poland, USSR, Portugal, Finland.

Group 3: England, Hungary, Greece, Luxembourg, Denmark.

Group 4: Yugoslavia, Wales, Bulgaria, Norway.

Group 5: Italy, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Sweden.

Group 6: Austria, West Germany, Turkey, Albania, Nth. Ireland.

Group 7: Spain, Holland, Eire, Iceland, Malta.

Group 8: France qualifies as host for the finals in 1984.

From all other groups the winners will advance into the quarterfinals.

Current European opinion is that the favorites are Belgium, USSR, England, Yugoslavia, Italy, Germany and Holland.

JUST BRIEFLY

Liverpool manager Bob Paisley is not too happy about the new rules which punish with expulsion players committing a 'professional foul.' "Chances are," he said, "that some of our league matches will be turned into six-a-side games," he quipped.

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Former Irish star and Leeds ace Johnny Giles has been voted Canada's Coach of the Year.

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How past glories fade...Former England star Charlie George is now playing for the lowly Scottish Dundee United.

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Just in case an Australian promoter has some fancy ideas—Barcelona's match fee for friendlies is a cool \$125,000...

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Recently an American woman photo-reporter wanted to interview Italian star Marco Tardelli—in the nude. Tardelli agreed, with one condition. "It's fine with me if you also take everything off," he said.

Several news agencies carried the report recently that leading Hungarian referee Kalman Palotai has been stood down after he failed to pass a fitness test. The reports proved to be incorrect. Palotai was in charge of the recent friendly international between Hungary and Turkey at Győr.

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There are some strong rumors that Flamengo's Brazilian star Zico may soon join Cosmos. The Brazilians are likely to ask for a transfer fee exceeding \$2,000,000.

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Paolo Rossi was voted to be the Player of the recent World Cup—but many others have different ideas. Pele as well as German star Rummenigge and Polish ace Boniek claim that the best man of Italy and the whole tournament was Bruno Conti.

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Arsenal are still trying to reverse the decision of the Yugoslav FA and obtain the services of winger Vladimir Petrovic. The Yugoslavs, after their team's dismal World Cup displays, decided to make it harder for their leading players to sign for Western clubs and Petrovic's request was turned down.

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The French pro players elected their man of the past season—and it's not superstar Platini but that non-stop midfielder Bossis from Nancy, ahead of Giresse and Platini.

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Julio Cesar Arzu, that cool, acrobatic Honduran goalie who was so impressive at



Petrovic when he played in Sydney a few years ago.



Zico—wanted in the USA.

the World Cup, has signed for the small Spanish club Santander.

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Algerian striker Assad, one of the country's best players, is now with the French club Mulhouse.

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Munich 1860 was dropped into the amateur ranks a few weeks ago, having failed to satisfy the West German FA of the club's financial stability. At one of their recent matches a crowd of 28,000 turned up, surely a world record for an amateur league match.

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Little Alan Simonson is getting rich in Barcelona—doing nothing. The club could only register two foreigners and they opted for Maradona and the German Schuster. However, instead of allowing Simonson to leave, they have decided to keep him on their payroll just in case one of the two foreigners get hurt—and for this they are paying him over \$120,000 a year...

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Jean-Michel Larque, former St. Etienne star, had some interesting comments to make on the current French scandal involving many clubs charged with exceeding the legal limit of payment to players. "All clubs have a black account and all pay more than they are permitted," he said. "I can't understand why the press is so surprised?"

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Former Austrian team manager Helmut Senekowitsch has resigned as coach of the struggling Eintracht Frankfurt in Germany. His replacement is likely to be Dortmund boss Branko Zebec.

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Former Yugoslav international star Zoran Miladinovic died in Belgrade at the age of 43.

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Erich Hoff, 36-time capped ex-international, is the new national team coach of Austria—but only on a temporary basis, until the end of 1982.

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Ex-manager of Argentina and once a great player, Vladislav Cap, died in Buenos Aires at the age of 48.

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Hungarian manager Kalman Meszoly, after announcing his faith in the old brigade, has swept out most of his World Cup players out of the squad. From those who played at Spain at the World Cup only Kerekcs, Garaba, Poloskei, Toth and Szentcs have survived—and the casualties include stars Nyilasi and Torocsik.

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OVERSEAS...OVERSEAS...OVERSEAS...

Moscow Press attack on greedy, lazy stars

Before the recent World Cup finals, the USSR was often mentioned as one of the favorites. Many experts expected them to be the strongest challengers to Brazil and few would have believed that they would finish up empty-handed.

But that was the case: the USSR didn't even make the semifinals—and was eliminated, of all teams, by Poland, holding them to a 0-0 draw in Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium.

Now Soviet football is full of accusations and recriminations. Perhaps the strongest attack so far has come from the daily newspaper *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, basically a newspaper designed for young readers but often the Party's official organ where sport is concerned.



Oleg Blokhin—fell of his pedestal

"Signs of this corruption can be seen even among the youngest. But who can blame them? After all, this is what they see from their seniors.

"To make it worse, most training sessions are make-do affairs, dull routines.

"We cannot expect to make an impression in international soccer until our training methods become more intensive and the players are rewarded according to their achievements."

The newspaper then quotes Vladimir Parfenov, a multiple Olympic and world kayak champion, who was asked to watch the training session of some soccer teams.

"If I had been training like they do, I wouldn't have even made the Soviet team," he said.

After this blast, it will be interesting to see how many heads will fall in Soviet football...

A recent story claimed that the Soviet team "...didn't do everything in their power to succeed. In fact, many of the team's officials were quite satisfied having reached the second round. This mentality exists only among soccer officials. In other sports Soviet athletes always strive to reach the top."

The newspaper article then blasts Soviet team officials and players for acting as stars.

"After the last training session of the team, before their departure for Spain, some young fans surrounded the players seeking their autographs. Blokhin, perhaps the No. 1 hero of our team, not only refused to sign some papers but even pushed one admirer over. How can a player expect respect if he treats his best fans like that?"

The most serious charges by the newspaper were of a financial nature.

"Many of our best players behave in a greedy fashion. It happens quite often that a player who hasn't even established himself in a first team squad, makes all sorts of demands on the club.

"One wants an apartment in the city centre but in a quiet street, another one insists to drive to training in a Western car.

GOODBYE, COLOMBIA...?

Colombia's chances of staging the 1986 World Cup finals look pretty bad.

The country's president, Belisario Betancour, has established a government committee to investigate Colombia's ability to host the World Cup.

The committee includes cabinet ministers, economists, business leaders and sports administrators.

They must report by early November whether, in their view, Colombia could—and should—undertake this mammoth task.

However, President Betancour has also announced that the Colombian Government would not be in the position to offer any financial assistance to a World Cup organising committee. This, effectively, rules Colombia out.

FIFA will meet in the middle of December about the World Cup.

A FIFA committee will visit Colombia this month to inspect the facilities and conditions.

The chances are now that before Christmas the 1986 World Cup venue will be shifted—and instead of Colombia Brazil will be the host country.

THE DUNLOP QUIZ

Solutions to last month's Dunlop Quiz:

1. Gerry Chaldi 2. Leichhardt 3. Dinamo Zagreb 4. Melita Eagles 5. St. George 6. Auburn 7. Alexander 8. Gary Marocchi 9. Crook, McGregor, McGachey and Honeyman 10. Yugoslavia 11. Vic Fernandez 12. Alex Pongrass 13. Mooroolbark, Western Suburbs 14. Graham Souness 15. Peter Terry 16. Sampdoria of Genoa 17. Bruno Conti 18. Sevilla 19. New Jersey 20. Michel Hidalgo

The winner of last month's Dunlop Quiz is V. Horvath, 38 Rose Street, Sefton, NSW, 2162.

He had 19 correct answers—and missed only Question No.12.

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